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ATCHISON, KANSAS, MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Michael P. McGuire**, 22, Atchison, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on December 8, 2003, before U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to one count of providing false information to acquire a firearm; one count of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm; and two counts of possessing stolen firearms.

Melgren stated that McGuire admitted at his plea that on March 24, 2003, he filled out an ATF form to purchase a rifle from a licensed firearms dealer in Atchison, Kansas, and answered “no” in response to the question of whether he had ever been convicted of domestic violence when he knew he had been convicted of domestic battery on February 7, 2003, in Atchison County, Kansas District Court. McGuire also admitted that on March 28, 2003, he possessed a rifle after he had been convicted of the crime of domestic battery. McGuire further admitted that in June 2003 he possessed four stolen firearms and that he bartered and sold the firearms to a pawn shop in Missouri.

McGuire faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for February 23, 2004.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.

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